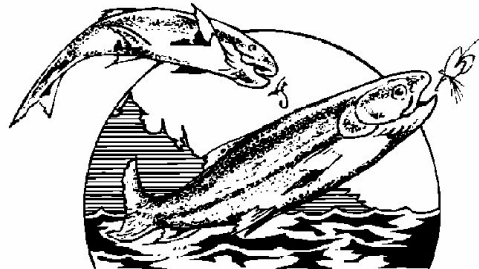
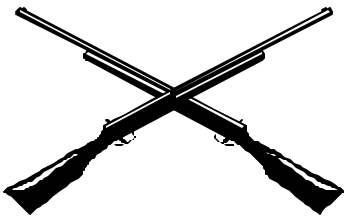


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MARCH, 2003**Challenge The Outdoors, Inc.**

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DESIRES OF THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED SPORTSPERSON

ICE FISHING ON THE CLINTONVILLE POND

(PIGEON RIVER) 2/22/03

What a Day! and What a Good Time!

BY: Larry Zander

Cold, Dark and Blustery! There was Bill Mayville re-warming himself in his truck after having already spread 8 2x4's and canvas on the ice. It was 7:10 a.m. Not long after we had a pretty nice wind block in place. Now, all we needed were fishermen. We set in a few tip-ups for northern and one hard water hole for me to try for blue gills. (I did catch one.) After about another half hour we quizzed each other as whether or not we would be the only dumb-dumbs to come out in weather like this. **WE WERE NOT!** First came Dean Sprangers and his companion Black Lab. Then Mark Baehr in his new van, then Mark's dad, Bill, and his brother Scott. Right behind them Larry Laehn and his son (my new pal) Matt. A little later Harland Chapman, his grandson Jordyn and another young friend Cody. Behind them, Bob Mayer and the party was on.

We punched plenty of holes and had a lot of lines in the water, but, the fish had a severe case of lockjaw. It just didn't matter! Conversations (story telling) from fishing and hunting experiences in the past never seemed to stop. I didn't even hear one lie! (I don't think) No one complained (other than me) about the fish not cooperating. And it wasn't the bratwurst, hot chili and heaters that kept us warm, but lots of laughter and good fellowship.

We want to thank Steve, owner of Steve's Wishing Well on old 45 along Pigeon River Pond for stopping in to say "Hello" and giving us two steak dinner door prizes for our benefit shoot April 5, 2003. A special thanks to Myron Radke for taking time from his woodwork and wood framing business to plow a nice spot for us to set up our fishing area and for stopping out to say "Hello".

OTHER FISHING EVENTS TO CONSIDER

On April 26, 2003, Fox Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be holding their 25th annual fish outing for the physically challenged at the Maine Creek Game Farm north of Shiocton. This is a very enjoyable event and well worth attending. If you are interested please contact Dell Schwaller at (920) 734-2309 (evenings).

5TH ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS

APRIL 5, 2003

BY: Larry Zander

HEY! We are just weeks away from our 5th Annual Sporting Clay Benefit, a day of fun, good fellowship and the bonus of earning dollars for our treasury.

We must have a good turnout from our membership. It is imperative we are visible to all those who support us. If the day is cold, we'll sit you by the fire place where you can tell each other stories and have good food, especially Gary Thyse's chicken booyah and expertly grilled brats by Toby Malchow.

I don't know how to honor all of the folks who have worked and are working so diligently to make this benefit the success it will be. It is wonderful to witness so much dedication. WOW! ARE WE BLESSED!!

Have you taken a really good look at the raffle prizes? Just those listed have an approximate value of \$3500.00. It is our hope to have a least 100 fine door prizes for all shooters participating and many more raffle prizes for those who purchase tickets.

**SUCCESS DOESN'T HAPPEN. IT IS CAUSED.
CAUSED BY PEOPLE WHO CARE, LIKE YOU AND ME.**

Some of us have a hard time asking folks to purchase \$10-\$20 worth of raffle tickets. None of us have a love affair with the word "NO". But when I ask enough people I get so many "YES's" I don't even remember the "NO's".

Selling Question: CAN You Help Me?

More Boldly: WILL You Help me?

I have a dentist appointment this week. Do you think I'd leave his office without offering him a chance to help and win? He's not at all bashful for sending me a bill that I think is obnoxiously high.—MY TURN! **(It worked!)** Your mechanic or garage charges you up to \$75 per hour just to tell you how much more has to be done with your car or truck. Are they bashful about it? By the way, 12 Dodge Country employees bought raffle tickets from me last year, 6 more at Meiers Motors, 2 at Budget Auto and 3 where I get my oil changed. Will they see me again this year? You can make book on it!

Have your tickets wherever you go. **People want to be of service, BUT, they need to be asked!!**

LET'S JUST DO IT!!

WHAT'S NEW(S) AT CTO

DEVELOPING PLANS FOR FUTURE GROWTH

BY: Bill Shogren

Challenge the Outdoors, Inc has taken a big step forward to create some plans for the future of the organization. As the work load expands with both an increase in members and an increase in the number of hunts, fishing outings, trips, and other activities, it is becoming clear that we need to start to define our direction and create opportunities to strengthen our leadership, provide for more activities, and of course, attract more physically challenged members, volunteer members and a consultant.

The first thing we have done is create an agreement with Larry Laehn, who is acting in an advisory capacity. Larry is spending considerable time in investigating fund raising to acquire some new equipment and to begin the search for a three-year funding plan to fund Organizational Capacity Building. Both of these responsibilities, if successful will work towards the creation of the post of a permanent Executive Director.

The second thing we are doing is looking to fulfill the dual goals of increasing our membership base and providing the opportunity to create some new chapters. Several questions must be answered in creating new chapters, and the committee is looking into several of them at this time.

The net result of all of this is that President, Harland Chapman appointed Director Bill Shogren as Chairman of a new Organizational Development Committee and Director Bill Mayville and himself as committee members to investigate these opportunities and more as they become evident to the group.

HELP NEEDED!

BRAT STAND FUNDRAISER

BY: Toby Malchow

CTO members will be selling Brats at two locations this spring and we need "Your" help.

The first fundraiser will take place at Festival Foods, DePere, Wi. On the following dates:

April 10, 11, 12, 13, 2003.

The second fundraiser will take place at Festival Foods East, Green Bay, Wi. On the following dates:

May 8, 9, 11, 2003.

The hours are from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily. Volunteer as much or as little time as you can. All help will be greatly appreciated. Areas we need help in will be food service, sales, talking to the public about CTO'S mission and services. There is a place for everyone to help. The more people we get to help the more fun we have. If you want to volunteer, or want to talk to someone about the Brat Stand please call: Jean Chapman 920 833-6274, or Toby Malchow 920 434-1663.

PLEASE COME!!

Our Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. Board of Directors meeting is being held at J&H Hunt Club on March 18, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. These board meetings have always been open to the General Membership. It has, however, been brought to our attention that not everyone knew when and where. This will no longer be the case. All news letters will have the dates, time and place for CTO Board meetings. We welcome your presence and input. Tremendous growth is being formulated.

March 18, 2003—J&H Hunt Club

Hwy 156, 2 miles west of Navarino

April 15, 2003—Muehl Public Library

436 N Main, Seymour, WI 6:30 p.m.

CTO 5th Annual Shawano Lake Fishery & Picnic

Saturday June 7th, 2003

By: Mark Baehr

It's the beginning of March but if you didn't have a calendar you'd swear it was the middle of January with spring still 3 months away. Burrrrrrr! Thankfully spring is just a few weeks away, that's according to the calendar anyway, and in just a few short months we'll be sponsoring our 5th annual Shawano Lake Fishery & Picnic at Lake Park in Cecil, WI. By then Winter and the nearly two feet of ice now covering the lake, will be a distant memory and our thoughts will again be on enjoying another late Spring day with family & friends on the shores and waters of Shawano Lake.

Over the past four years, this event has really blossomed into something very special and last years event was our best yet. With over 50 people attending (of which 14 were Physically Challenged), the outstanding weather, great food and company, and the numbers and nice size of fish caught and taken home, we couldn't have asked for a better outcome. We did learn a few new things that will help when planning for this year's event and with a little cooperation from Ma Nature and hopefully some good timing on our part, we should have the makings for another great event. As in past years, we will be providing a variety of food and refreshments at the picnic, as well as bait, terminal tackle, i.e. bobbers, hooks, sinkers, and a few fishing poles for the fishery. If you need transportation or are in need of some adaptive equipment, i.e. an electric fishing reel or rod-holding device, to enable yourself to actively participate in this event or just to fish anytime, please contact our Special Events Disabilities Coordinator, **Bob Mayer @ (920) 465-6143**. We'll have our pontoon boat and again be depending on our awesome group of pontoon boat owners to volunteer the use of their pontoon boats and services. These fine folks are a huge part of why the fishery has been such a success and receive our gratitude and heart felt thanks for all they do.

We would also like to pass on a bit of good news to all those planning on fishing in this years event. You won't need a Wisconsin fishing license due to the fact that our fishery is being held during Wisconsin's Free Fishing Weekend of June 7th & 8th, 2003. Who said nothing is free?

With a few months remaining before the event you have plenty of time to fill out the registration form and return it. See the form on page X. We ask that you please fill it out and return it **no later than May 24th, 2003.** Even if you're not interested in fishing we encourage all our members and friends to come and enjoy the picnic. There will be a map with directions and an event schedule in our May Newsletter. You may also check our website for a map, directions, and registration application for the Fishery & Picnic. Last but not least, we are always looking for more people to get involved in this and for that matter all our events. Right now we are looking for volunteers to help out with; serving and preparing food, setting up and cleaning up, first mates to help on the boats, fish cleaners, and boat owners (both pontoon and regular fishing boats) willing to provide the use of their boat for either half or the whole day. We know you will find this event a rewarding and enjoyable experience and hope to hear from you soon. Contact either Bob Mayer @ (920) 465-6143, Bill Mayville @ (715) 758-8363 or Mark Baehr @ (920) 766-9218. Until we meet again **THINK SPRING!!**

Please check our web site at www.challengetheoutdoors.org

E-Mail address: challengetheoutdoors@yahoo.com

Challenge The Outdoors & The Little Wolf Gobblers to Co-Sponsor Spring Wild Turkey Hunt

By: Mark Baehr

This May 17th & 18th, (the 5th weekend of Wisconsin's Spring Wild Turkey Season), Challenge The Outdoors & The Little Wolf Gobblers (Marion, WI. Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation) will be co-sponsoring a Wild Turkey hunt for seven Physically Challenged hunters.

The hunt will be headquartered out of a newly renovated, wheelchair accessible, rustic hunting lodge near Marion, WI. The lodge will also serve as a resting area for the participants and serving area for meals. Over the past several years the Marion area, with its outstanding turkey habitat and large turkey population, has received the well deserved reputation for being one of the better turkey hunting areas in the entire state. Tom Mijal, of the Little Wolf Gobblers, has contacted several landowners that are going to open their lands for the hunt and expects the hunters will experience some excellent hunting and have a good opportunity to bag a gobbler.

Volunteers from the Little Wolf Gobblers will be serving the hunters as mentors in the field during the hunt and provide them with a few camouflaged hunting blinds, transportation in the field, decoys, and their expertise at calling in the gobblers. Tom has lined up a few electric golf carts for transporting the hunters and is pursuing a couple more options as well. To off-set some of the costs associated with the hunt the NWTF is providing funding to the chapter through their Wheelin' Sportsmen program. This program was developed with the same dedication the NWTF has brought to restoring wild turkey populations across North America, the NWTF is delivering, and in some cases re-introducing, the beauty and excitement of the outdoors to thousands of disabled people through its outreach program, Wheelin' Sportsmen. For more information about Wheelin' Sportsmen, call (800) THE-NWTF and or visit the NWTF website @ www.nwtf.org

CTO will be providing 6 camouflaged hunting blinds, meals, volunteers, and a few other items. Our specific goal is to make sure each hunter's needs are met at the lodge and in the field. By removing any obstacles or barriers in their way we will ensure that their hunt is enjoyable and provide them with the best opportunity to experience a great turkey hunt. CTO is still looking for more volunteers who can lend a hand during the hunt. Areas where we can use help are; food preparation and servers, set up and clean up, transportation in the field, i.e. electric carts or ATV's. If you can lend a hand in any of these areas or have any questions about the turkey hunt please call Mark Baehr @ (920) 766-9218 or email him @ baehr68@aol.com.

The Little Wolf Gobblers and CTO are planning a pre-hunt get together at the lodge where the hunters, mentors, and volunteers will have an opportunity to get acquainted with each other and put together a successful plan of action for the hunt. A date has not been set but we are looking at mid-April for the get together. Both the Little Wolf Gobblers and Challenge The Outdoors look forward to combining efforts to provide a great turkey hunting experience and opportunity for the hunters this May. Look for more details about the hunt in our May Newsletter and on our website @ www.challengetheoutdoors.org

2003 FREE Turkey Hunter Education Clinics!! Plan to attend one of the following FREE Turkey Hunter Education Clinics listed and either brush-up on your skills or learn new techniques to help you hunt the elusive wild turkey. These clinics are offered by the WDNR in conjunction with the State Chapter of the NWTF. Typically lasting 2.5 - 3 hours, the clinics are designed to cover wild turkey biology and behavior, hunting methods, regulations, safety precautions, landowner/hunter ethics, and much more. Advanced registration not required. Outagamie county, Archery Specialists 865 Surprise Ending Rd, New London, Sat. March 22 @ 3 p.m. contact Jerry Bedor (920)982-0769. Winnebago county, Fleet Farm, 177 N. Washburn, Oshkosh Tues. March 18 @ 6 p.m. contact Steve Stoltenow (920)231-5738.

THANK YOU!!

Among so many that have given so much in volunteering their time and talent, we take this space to thank Mike Grahek for his volunteer work, resulting in an award to Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. from Sam's Club in Green Bay with a check of \$100.00. Special thanks to Mike and Sam's Club. **GOOD WORK MIKE!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 18, 2003	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 p. m. J&H Hunt Club Hwy 156, 2 miles west of Navarino
April 5, 2003	5th Annual Sporting Clays J&H Hunt Club See Poster for times and directions
April 10, 11, 12, 13	Brat Stand Fundraiser Festival Foods, DePere
April 15, 2003	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 p. m. Muehl Public Library Seymour, WI
April 26, 2003	Fox Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited Fishing Outing Maine Creek Game Farm, Shiocton, WI
May 8, 9, 11	Brat Stand Fundraiser Festival Foods, Green Bay East
May 17, 18	Turkey Hunt with NWTF, Marion Chapter See article on preceding page
May 20, 2003	Board of Directors Meeting Place to be announced
June 7, 2003	Annual Spring Fishery Cecil Park on Shawano Lake

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

MY INTERESTS ARE: FISHING___ HUNTING___ VOLUNTEER___ OTHER___

If you checked other, please explain: _____

I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK FOR : NEW MEMBERSHIP ___ RENEWAL___

\$ 20.00 FOR A SINGLE ___ \$ 30.00 FOR A FAMILY___ \$ 100.00 LIFETIME___

DUE TO MY FINANCIAL SITUATION I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP ___

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, INC. AND SEND TO:

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5TH ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

HUNTERS SHOOTERS ANGLERS

CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, INC. ANNUAL BENEFIT

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SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2003 8:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

SPONSORED BY: J&H GAME FARM—HUNT CLUB, INC.

HWY 156 2 MILES WEST OF NAVARINO 715-758-8134

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CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, Inc.

****Fishery Registration Application****

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Wheelchair user? Yes ___ No ___

Incase of an emergency call, Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Medical or Special Needs: _____

Name of Helper (if a helper is attending): _____

Address of Helper: _____

Phone: _____

Guests: _____

If Helper/Guests desire to accompany participant on boat, is it : Necessary ___ or Would like to ___

* Available space on boats will determine whether helper/guests will be able to accompany participants. *

Mail Registration Application to: **Challenge The Outdoors, Inc.****W4276 Cty Rd G****Black Creek, WI 54106**

Entry or Release of all claim: In consideration of the acceptance of my entry in the " CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, Inc. Fishery event, I release CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, Inc. and all volunteers who are connected with this event, from any liability or claims of injury to body or property or illness that I sustain during my participation in this event, I understand that this applies to myself, my personal helper, heirs and assigns. I represent that I am capable of participation and acknowledge that this release is being relied upon by the above organization in permitting me to participate. I also grant full permission to any or all foregoing to use any photographs, recordings, or any other records of this event for any legitimate purpose.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____